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Sauget, IL 62201

Gentlemen:

As you may be aware, since May of 1980 the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and this office have been conducting an investigation into the deposition of hazardous waste materials into Dead Creek in the Sauget/Cahokia area. Tests conducted by Illinois EPA have revealed severe chemical contamination in the creek bed, particularly between Queeny Avenue and Judith Lane.

Pursuant to its statutory obligations, this office and Illinois EPA are working to identify the individuals and/or entities responsible. As a corollary to this investigation, we are also attempting to substantiate reports of hazardous waste burial sites in the Sauget/Cahokia area. As part of this joint investigation we are contacting local industries and officials for information, and hereby solicit your response to the following questions:

1. Have you any knowledge of any current or past discharges or dumping of waste materials into Dead Creek?
2. Have you any knowledge concerning the burial of hazardous wastes in the Sauget/Cahokia area?
3. If you have answered either question above in the affirmative, would you be willing to discuss this situation with the Attorney General's Office?
4. Would you be interested in discussing

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possible mitigation plans for either
of these problems?

If I receive no response from you by April 22, 1981,
I will assume that your answer to each question is "no".

For your information, the following companies or officials
have been similarly contacted concerning this matter:

Amax Zinc Co.
Cerro Copper Products Co.
Edwin Cooper Co.
Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Co.
Monsanto Co.

Rogers Cartage Co.
Ruan Leasing Co.
Sterling Steel Casting Co.
Mayor of Cahokia
Mayor of Sauget

Sincerely,

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